

MEDIA NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

7:00 AM August 5, 2014



WATER EMERGENCY SITUATION – STAGE 5 WATER RESTRICTIONS

All discretionary use of water by customers of the City of Graham is prohibited until further notice. This includes customers of Ft. Belknap Water Corp, Graham East Water Corp and the cities of Newcastle, Bryson and Throckmorton.

An electrical issue at the water plant at 3 am this morning caused a loss of water supply to the plant. There are two pumps for raw water. Service to one smaller pump was restored at 6 am. The other larger pump will not be in service until parts damaged in the electrical failure are found and installed. Contractors are trying to locate the needed parts at this time. No time frame for repair is currently available.

Until the larger pump is operational, raw water supply to the plant will be at 50% of recent use levels.

- All discretionary use of water is prohibited until further notice. Please turn off all lawn sprinklers, cease outside watering and do not waste water.**
- The bulk water station on the Loving Highway has been closed.**
- Car washes are requested to curtail operations.**
- The splash pad at the city pool is closed.**

An update will be provided at 1 pm today.